(d) A Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) has been constituted with an allocated amount for each State based on the Award of the 12th Finance Commission for the period 2005-10, which is contributed by the Government of India and the State Government in the ratio of 3:1. The State Governments are required to meet the expenditure for providing immediate relief to the victims of notified natural calamities *viz.* avalanches, cyclone, cloud burst, drought, earthquake/ Tsunami, fire, flood, hailstorm, landslides and pest attacks, as per the approved norms and items of assistance from the CRF. In the event of a calamity of a severe nature, in which the requirement of funds for relief operations is beyond the funds available in the States CRF account, additional Central assistance is also considered from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF), after following the laid procedure.

The details showing the allocation and release of Central Share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and funds released from National Calamity /Contingency Fund (NCCF) during the year 2008-09 as a whole, is given as statement-II (Refer to the statement appended to the answer to USQ 549 Part (b) and (c))

Caste and class conflicts in Rajasthan

†567. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons killed or injured in caste and class conflicts in Rajasthan during the last two years, and the causes of these conflicts;

(b whether the offenders involved therein have been arrested; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Assessment on Custodial Deaths

568. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether four persons died or had been killed in prison and police custody every day during the period between 2002-07;

(b) whether according to Government figures, as many as 7468 custodial deaths have occurred in the period but only a fraction are convicted for it;

(c) whether this was revealed in the first ever nation-wide assessment for the use of the "Torture in India, 2008";

(d) whether this has been brought out in the report by Asian Centre for Human Rights, an NGO;

(e) whether Government has considered the report; and

(f) the steps proposed to be taken to avoid such custodial deaths in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (f) As per the guidelines issued by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) to all State

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